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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BALANCING
LOAD DISTRIBUTION OF A WIDE AREA
NETWORK

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

**MS Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.